



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**COOPERATIVE MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2010

**WHEREAS**, cooperatives are businesses that are owned and democratically governed by their members and exist solely to serve their members' interests; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 29,000 cooperatives nationwide operate in virtually every industry, including agriculture, child care, energy, financial services, food retail and distribution, housing, healthcare, insurance, telecommunications and many others; and

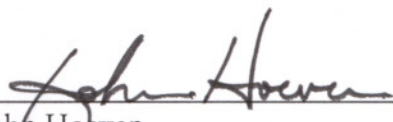
**WHEREAS**, cooperatives operate in the very communities in which their member-owners live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's cooperatives generate significant income, employment and revenue, and function as engines of economic growth for local communities and the statewide economy; and

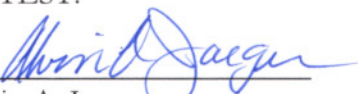
**WHEREAS**, cooperatives dedicate resources to serve their communities beyond their core business functions, including charitable giving that meets the needs of underserved populations, investment in community development that generates jobs and income and helps create vital services, contributions and involvement in environmental protection activities, and innovative projects that enhance child health and welfare and support quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, the community commitment of cooperatives enhances economic opportunity and the quality of life in North Dakota's communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2010, **COOPERATIVE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State